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1. General

- The Whitehead Silurificio in Fiume is now called Torpedo Factory
- To date the works have been principally engaged on carrying out repairs to machinery, captured enemy motor transport, tanks, assembly of material, etc.
- The only work that has been done in connection with torpedoes has been the re-conditioning of a number of those left behind by the Germans at the end of the war.
- While this work is still going on, technicians are busy reconstructing damaged sections of the factory, and clearing workshops preparatory to installing new machinery for the mass production of torpedoes.

2. Production

- As distinct from general repair and assembly work, certain sections of the works, more particularly the "Reparto Calibri e Congegni" (Precision Tools Section) are engaged on producing machine tools designed to manufacture:
 - Torpedo Warheads
 - Torpedo Propellers
 - Torpedo Gyro-steering gear
 - Torpedo Depth-regulating gear
- About 100 persons, including designers and technicians, are at present employed in this Section.
- Manufacture of these machine tools is scheduled to be completed March 1948.
- The works plan to produce eight Whitehead torpedoes of the type used by Italian torpedo carrying aircraft during the war.

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3. Machinery

- a. Such machine tools as cannot be manufactured in the works themselves, are to be imported for the most part from Turin and Milan.
- b. The works are at present eagerly awaiting the arrival of two [redacted] countersinking machines (one large and one small) [redacted]

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4. Raw Materials

- a. There is a serious shortage of raw materials, particularly of bronze, copper and high speed steel.

[redacted] Comment: High speed steel is believed to mean a hard steel used for metal cutting tools. It retains its hardness at a low red heat, and hence the tools can be used in lathes, etc., operated at high speed. All metal salvaged from the REX is brought to the works for melting down and re-employment.)

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5. Management

- a. The General Manager of the works has only recently arrived from Belgrade.
- b. The Technical Manager is Ing. Mania [redacted]
- c. Mohavic, originally on the staff of the experimental research department, now head is of the Precision Tools Section. [redacted] His deputy head is a man named Uhicic, also a former member of the experimental research department.
- d. A Soviet mission composed of civilians is attached to the works. [redacted]

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6. Labor

- a. At present a total of 1,600 workers are employed at the works.
- b. Workers in the Precision Tools Section work 11/12 hours a day and earn 8/9,000 dinars monthly.
- c. Workers in other departments work eight hours a day and earn 6,000 dinars monthly.
- d. Labor discipline is harsh. Heavy fines are imposed for slackness or absenteeism.

7. A school for training specialists is attached to the works. Courses proceed during normal working hours, and all in attendance receive normal rates of pay.

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